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Application No.:)
Filing Date:)
Applicant(s): Erminio Moretti et al.)
Group Art Unit:)
Title: Joining Element)
Attorney Docket: 47623-0007)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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- A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
- The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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Petition

The undersigned attorney hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

Fees

No fee is owed by the applicant(s).
 Fee enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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